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Dear Park:

You will recall that I mentioned to you informally that this Agency had been investigating how the needs of the Agency for biographic intelligence of political, sociological, and cultural personalities might be more effectively and efficiently met. I mentioned also that a policy decision had been reached (based not only on our own investigation, but also on extensive consultation with the responsible people in your organization) that it would be best for this Agency to discontinue processing of intelligence information in this field and the preparation of reports, relying instead on the State Department.

Representatives of our two organizations have now together produced an agreement which I have signed and when signed by you would permit the immediate implementation of this determination.

You will note that there is a carbon for your retention and I would appreciate your returning the signed original to me.

I feel confident that under the conditions which are set forth in the agreement and with the will on the part of both parties to make this work we will have effected a substantial improvement in this activity which is so important to both of our Agencies and in a more limited degree to other IAC agencies.

"SIGNED"

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